Reply of Government.—Under consideration. *Vide* also Dewan's reply to Mining Board's Address.

SUBJECT No. 455.

Roads.

Mr. H. M. A. Cooke, Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board.

Summary of discussion.—The Government roads on the Kolar Gold Fields are in a bad state of repair, as well as the road from the *Big Tree* to Manighatta over which there is a considerable amount of traffic from the Gold Fields.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 456.

Attachments.

Mr. H. M. A. Cooke, Kolar Gold Fields Mining Board.

Summary of discussion.—At the last Representative Assembly, in commenting on this subject, it was observed that it could be discussed at the ensuing sittings of the Assembly. We beg to enquire if anything was done. The operation of the Civil Procedure Code in this connection inflicts great hardship on unskilled labour.

(1) Amendment of Section 60 of the Civil Procedure Code, Regarding attachment.

Mr. C. Krishnamurti:—The wages of domestic labourers are exempt from attachments, whether payable in money or in kind. " Whether payable in money or in kind " is the addition in the new code. Under the old code the whole wages of labourers, whether skilled or unskilled, were exempt on the ground that the labourers would be put to immense trouble by the attachment. As the coolies go away often on account of attachments, the Board want the amendment.

Mr. Vasudeva Rao:—Unless the lenders have got some hold on the cooly, they will not lend money. I think the law works against the cooly himself.

Dewan.—In the Bombay Court they have held that 'labourer' means 'unskilled labourer.' The proposal is to fix the monthly earnings at Rs. 20.

Second Councillor to Mr. Cooke:—Why don't you object to the attachment in Court?

Mr. M. C. Rangiengar.—The representation made by the Mining Board was before the select committee. We found that future salary could not be attached at all. If anything could be attached it was the arrears. The provision made in the body of the code is ample.

Mr. A. Ramanna.—There must be some security for the coolies also. A labourer ordinarily gets 4 as. a day. We shall double it for the benefit of the Mining Board and make the sum Rs. 15 a month.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao.—According to the proposal a watch repairer who gets only 4 as. a day will be an unskilled labourer.